



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Luigi FORLAI) Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/609,228) Examiner: Narayanswamy Subramanian
Filed: June 30, 2000)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Confirmation No.: 2813
GENERATING A SALE OFFER TO)
SELECTED INDIVIDUALS OVER)
ELECTRONIC NETWORK)
SYSTEMS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2005, the non-fee period for response to which extending through August 8, 2005 (August 6th being a Saturday), please issue an Office Action on the merits in accordance with the following election of species.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between a number of allegedly distinct species of the claimed invention. For instance, the Examiner indicated that independent claims 2 and 6 are generic to the following groups of claims:

Group 1A - claims 17-25;

Group 1B - claims 26, 27, 29, and 30; and

Group 1C - claims 28 and 31.

Although claims 32 and 33 are currently pending, the Office Action did not identify these claims as being subject to this restriction requirement.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group 1B (i.e., claims 26, 27, 29, and 30, generic claims 2 and 6, and pending claims 32 and 33) for prosecution. Applicant respectfully requests appropriate rejoinder and examination of any withdrawn claims in the event the Examiner determines that a generic claim is allowable.

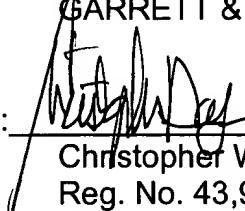
Additionally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Applicant's representatives at (202) 408-6052 if it would serve to further expedite the prosecution of this application and, thereby, minimize time and expense.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 8, 2005

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